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PRESS Sports

DUROCHER TO METS IF DODGERS WIN PENNANT

Not too many days ago George Weiss, General Manager of the New York Mets, was closeted, in secret session, with number two Dodger field boss Leo Durocher. Weiss' Mets are one of two major League teams expected to join the National League next year.

It doesn't take an astute baseball observer to guess what the conference was all about. Presumably they chatted about whether Leo is to stay with the Dodgers if he is desirous of taking on the momentous task of producing a respectable team for Weiss and company with a handful of fading veterans and a dugout loaded with untried rookies.



According to Durocher the meeting never came off. After the proposed conference Leo denied that Weiss' trip out to the West Coast was for his benefit. "Did we talk together?" "What's this about managing the Mets next year?" and "You must be nuts Mac!" were replies attributed to Leo when queried by newsmen.

DODGER BOSS IF...

In 1952 a scribe visiting with the Dodgers in spring training headquarters in Florida heard Walter O'Malley remark that in Buzzie Bavasi he (O'Malley) had one of the shrewdest General Managers in the business. Bavasi has earned the respect of many baseball traders since getting that vote of confidence from Walter. In acquiring Durocher early this year Bavasi reached a pinnacle baseball men usually fall far short of... he got the combined talents of Alston and Durocher to assure a what is now successful season.

Buzzie had another reason for hiring Leo, in fact two more. The Angels were moving into Gold Coast territory and he needed a man as colorful as Durocher to lure the "extra" fan into the Coliseum. In the event the Dodgers lost the pennant he could easily fire Alston as his excuse and replace him with Lorraine Day's ex stating that what the club lacked was a more take-charge kind of guy.

With less than a third of the season to go it looks like the Dodgers will take the top spot. Come Series time fans and writers alike will be singing the merits of one Leo Durocher for his fine job in assisting Walt Alston. Smokey will sign another contract and Leo will have to make up his mind. It's more likely that he will seek and get the field manager's job in New York with a better salary figure. Leo has never been noted as a second fiddler.

HOUSTON BIDDING TOO

Once this summer former major league manager Bob Bragan, a coach for the Dodgers last year and now General Manager of Houston's entry in the National League, chatted with Durocher about the job in the Texas city. Sources close to Lippy stated bluntly that Leo wanted no part of the South. New York is his type of playground.

Unless the Reds can play .750 baseball from here on in to overtake the rampaging Dodgers it appears certain that Durocher will be calling the lineup for the New York Mets to his "friends," the umpires of the National League.

Dodger Fans Popcorn Munchers

Baseball fans attending the Dodger home games and other sports events here this year at the Coliseum are expected to consume so much popcorn that a conveyor belt system has been installed to keep production moving as fast as the customers munch. The conveyor system, equipped with 115 feet of belt, extends from a bank of five corn poppers to a large stainless steel hopper where the corn is packaged for sale. The entire conveyor system is visible through large picture windows.

'Bullets' Win One, Drop 2nd



LONG SWING—Showing the forms that has held them at the top of the league, Continentals, of the Yellow Ribbon League, clobbered the competing Bobcats in a set-to at Waleria Park last weekend. Girls on the team are now tied for the first spot in the league. Girls' softball league is one of the most successful in the area and is sponsored by the Torrance Park and Recreation Department.

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Area Cyclists Clash Friday At Ascot Stadium

Outstanding amateur motorcycle riders led by Preston Petty of Woodland Hills and Bob Kircher of Pasadena get a crack at expert leader Neil Keen of Pasadena in a unique two-way program Friday night at Ascot Park, 183rd and Vermont, Gardena.

It's the first time this summer that the two groups have been thrown together in open competition and has stirred up no little excitement among the two-wheeling fraternity.

Petty won the national amateur 7-mile championship at Ascot last July 22, the same night Keen won the U.S. 8-mile expert crown, Petty in record time.

Kircher, when right, is the hottest rider at Ascot and holds all records for his class for the half-mile oval.

Edge San Pedro, Second Loss to Monrovia Club

Torrance Bullets defeated San Pedro in a two-hit gem pitched by John Beck Friday night, 4 to 3. Going into the last inning, leading four to one, Beck walked the first batter with the second batter getting a hit to drive across the run, then going to second on a throw-in. Then another base on balls and a fly to right brought across the second run of the inning making the score four to three. Ken Turner came in to pitch and preserved the win for Beck.

Monday night the Bullets received their first loss. Monrovia defeated them three to

two. The Torrance club, behind the fine pitching of Larry Thomas, was leading 2 to 1 going into the final inning. First two batters singled with runners advancing, a squeeze tied the count 2 to 2. Thomas then tightened up to strikeout the next two batters only to have Bishop of Monrovia come up with a hit to score the winning run. Monrovia's pitchers Sukla and Stevens and the Bullet's Thomas each gave up six hits and two walks in a good pitcher's battle.

Torrance will play again at 7 p.m. Cressley Park, Compton, on Friday, August 18, in the two-game elimination Connie Mack tournament.

'Regulars' Sign in for Annual Paddleboard Race

Three of eleven candidates thus far entered in the 32-mile Catalina Island-to-Manhattan Beach Paddleboard Race were first or second place winners in last year's "open" and "stock" board competitions from across the channel.

Race officials, who have watched five previous races claim it's going to be a toss-up between the three to see who's to win.

Tom Zahn, 36, of Santa Monica, has never been defeated in either "open" or "stock" board classifications in the past five races. The one blemish in his Catalina-Manhattan record was in 1955, the first year in which the race was held. He finished first, but was disqualified from official honors because he failed to round a course buoy in heavy fog.

Zahn took first place in 1960 and in 1959 in "open" board classification. In 1957 and 1956, he was first in "stock" board competition. The race was not held in 1958.

Second member among the top three returnees from last year is James Mollica, 21, Santa Monica. Mollica finished 15 minutes behind Zahn last year in the "open" board race, a time lapse considered short for a course 32-miles long.

Third member of the paddleboard strongmen is Mike Doyle, 20, Los Angeles. Doyle finished second—and one minute behind Kemp Aaberg

in the "stock" race last year. The stock board competition is considered the tougher of the two races by contestants because of more stringent board requirements. Boards can be no less than 14 feet in length and 45 pounds in weight.

Doyle has piled up an impressive list of paddleboard honors in the past year. He has taken first places in paddleboard races in Huntington Beach, Oceanside, La Jolla, Cabrillo Beach and Hermosa Beach in the past two years.

Garr D. Steiner, 25, of Malibu, has placed fifth in the stock board event last year and fifth in the Malibu surf-board race.

Weldon A. Gibson, Jr., 23, of Manhattan Beach, is returning to the Catalina-Manhattan race for the fourth time. He has placed sixth, fourth and third in the "open" races of earlier years.

Skip C. Conner, 23 of Newport Beach, is a newcomer to the Catalina-Manhattan race, but an experienced paddleboard and surfing contestant. He took first-place honors in the Newport Beach Lifeguard Meet, in rough water swimming and paddling, in 1960.

Richard W. Clark, 36, of San Diego, is a veteran paddleboard contestant. Clark placed third in the stock race last year, fourth in the stock race in 1958, and first and third in stock races in the 1958 and 1959 Diamond Head Race, Honolulu.

Galaxy of Special Events Slated For Angel's Home Stand On Aug. 18

A host of special events with participants ranging from movie, TV and radio stars to pro basketball players and dancing girls will be presented by the Los Angeles Angels as added attractions during their next home stand which begins Friday night, Aug. 18, against the Minnesota Twins.

Seventeen games are scheduled, including two two-night doubleheaders, and on Saturdays there will be two ladies days and one ladies night.

Two super-events, featuring star names from the entertainment world, will open and close the home stay.

The first will be a three-inning preliminary baseball game on the opening night, Friday, Aug. 18, between the Los Angeles Lakers basketballers and radio disc jockeys from many Los Angeles stations.

LAKERS

The Lakers top stars, including Hot Rod Hundley, Elgin Baylor, Ray Felix, Rudy LaRusso and Coach Fred Schaus, are scheduled to play. The DJs will be managed by Johnny Grant and will include Dick Whittinghill, Ira Cook, Steve Bailey, Fred Hessler, Jerry Dexter, John McShane, Roger Carroll, Robert Q. Lewis, Lucky Pierre, Mario Rey, Miguel Alonzo, Dick Haynes, Larry McCormick, Ken Jones, Jimmy Maynes and Capt. Max Schumacher.

Closing the home schedule will be a game between some of the greatest names in films and TV when teams captained by Jerry Lewis and Bobby Darin play Saturday afternoon, Sept. 2, as a preliminary to the Kansas City-Angels contest to assist Muscular Dystrophy Assn. and Heart Fund. Lewis and Darin are national chairmen of the groups, Lewis for MDA.

On Saturday afternoon, Aug. 19, the Angels will salute the Latin-Americans

City to Sponsor Teenage Skiing Trip to Mt. Baldy

A teenage ski trip to Mt. Baldy, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, is scheduled for Thursday, August 24. Skiing will be on straw, not snow, however.

For \$4, teenagers can take a bus to Mt. Baldy and receive skiing instruction by teachers certified by the Far West Ski Assn. Chair lift rides and use of equipment also are included in the price. Teenagers may earn a "green ski" showing that they have mastered basic techniques.

The bus will leave the Torrance City Hall at 8 a.m., returning about 5 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling the Recreation Department, FA 8-5310.

Suspension Ends, Heinis Captures Stock Car Main

Marvin Heinis, Sylmar, returned to action Sunday at Western Speedway in Gardena and captured the day's 30-lap main event for CJA stock car races, driving an Oldsmobile.

For Heinis, who has been under suspension for the last sixty days, it was his fourth main event win of the year, tying the record of Arley Seranton, and Bill Foster.

Finishing second was Frank Denny, Los Angeles main event winner two weeks ago. Sunday he led the feature for 24 laps before being passed by Heinis. Third went to Dick Cook of Lakewood with Gene Davis, Santa Monica fourth, and Bill Benton, Torrance fifth. The stocks return to Western on Sunday, August 27.

Junior Tennis

Sign-ups for the Torrance Junior Tennis Championships closed Monday, according to the sponsoring Torrance Recreation Department.

The championship matches, to be held Aug. 21 through 24, will be in boys' and girls' doubles. Competition will be by age categories. The tournament is limited to players living in Torrance or who have taken lessons from the Torrance Recreation instructors.

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